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To: Burlington Board of Health
From: Bill Ward/Town Health Officer
Date: July 13, 2017
Subject: Support for Deputy Health Officer Theodore Miles

Requested Board Action:

Vote to support re-appointment of Code Enforcement Inspector Theodore Miles as a Deputy Town Health Officer.

Background of Town Health Officer process

Vermont Town Health Officers and Deputy Health Officers are appointed by the Vermont Commissioner of Health for a 3-year term. The appointment process for a Town Health officer requires the signature of approval from the Chair of the Town Select Board or City Council President in Burlington's case. The appointment process of Deputy Health officers requires the signature of approval from the Chair of the Local Board of Health. Burlington is currently served by the Code Enforcement staff that is appointed to the following positions:

- William Ward – Town Health Officer
- *Patricia Wehman- Deputy Health Officer
- *Timothy Ahonen- Deputy Health Officer
- *Sybil Thomas – Deputy Health Officer
- ***Ted Miles – Deputy Health Officer**
- *Ita Meno – Deputy Health Officer
- *Matthey Perry – Deputy Health Officer
- *Kim Ianelli – Deputy Health Officer
- *Patrick Maury - Deputy Health Officer

Relevant Vermont statute

Title 18 Chapter 11 Section 601 - Local health officials

(a) The commissioner shall appoint, upon recommendation of the selectmen, a local health officer for each town or city and the commissioner shall give such officer a certificate of appointment. The commissioner may appoint one or more deputy local health officers for a town or city upon written request of the local board of health. In case the selectmen neglect or refuse to recommend to the commissioner a local health officer, the commissioner after thirty days' notice in writing to the selectmen shall appoint a local health officer.

Deputy Health Officer Theodore (Ted) Miles

Ted Miles has been an employee of the City of Burlington for 18 years. He has worked for the Code Enforcement Department since October 2010. His current term as a Deputy Health Officer has expired. He regularly exceeds my expectations for work in both quantity and quality. He is also our top performing staff member on SeeClickFix. One example of his high level of commitment to the community is his personal involvement in the speedy response to most of the found syringes reported in Burlington. I give my strongest recommendation for Ted's reappointment for another 3-year term.